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FOR SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATORS

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SUBJECT:VOLAG STAFFING PATTERNS AT RESETTLEMENT CENTERS

1. IT HAS BEEN A PERSISTENT OBSERVATION ON THE PART OF ALL SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATORS THAT VOLAG STAFFS AT THE RESETTLEMENT CENTERS ARE NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO PERMIT THEM TO HANDLE THE CURRENT CASE LOADS EFFICIENTLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY. THE TASK FORCE HAS RAISED THIS PROBLEM REPEATEDLY WITH VOLAG NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS REPRESENTATIVES IN ITS WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH THEM. DESPITE THIS, WE HAVE HAD ONLY LIMITED SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING AN INCREASE IN THEIR CAMP STAFFS.

2. IN ORDER TO BE IN A POSITION TO DEAL WITH THIS SERIOUS

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AND CONTINUING PROBLEM IN A SYSTEMATIC FASHION, THE TASK FORCE URGENTLY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC

DATA AND ESTIMATE FROM EACH RESETTLEMENT CENTER.

(A) BY INDIVIDUAL VOLAG, THE CURRENT NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL AND CLERICAL STAFF ENGAGED IN THE CHAIN OF REGISTERING REFUGEES, LOCATING AND VERIFYING SPONSORS, MATCHING REFUGEE TO SPONSOR AND COMPLETING VOLAG RELEASE DOCUMENTS.

(B) YOUR ASSESSMENT OF STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF CURRENT STAFFING PATTERNS AND LEVELS BY INDIVIDUAL VOLAG.

(C) YOUR ESTIMATE OF NECESSARY VOLAG STAFFING PATTERNS AND LEVELS SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE A 25 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE CURRENT RATE OF VOLAG PROCESSING.

(D) YOUR ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT AVERAGE REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROCESSING TIME BROKEN DOWN INTO THE FOLLOWING TWO TIME SEGMENTS:

(1) AVERAGE ELAPSED TIME BETWEEN A REFUGEE'S REGISTRATION WITH A VOLAG ORGANIZATION AND HIS INITIAL SUBSTANTIVE INTERVIEW WITH A VOLAG CASE WORKER .

(2) AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME CURRENTLY REQUIRED BY A VOLAG CASE WORKER TO PROCESS THE REFUGEE, I.E., SPONSORING, VERIFICATION MATCHING, AND COMPLETION OF VOLAG RELEASE DOCUMENT.

(E) AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE OVERALL QUESTION OF ADEQUATE VOLAG STAFFING PATTERNS AND LEVELS, YOUR ESTIMATE OF WHAT WOULD BE A REASONABLE TIMEFRAME FOR PROCESSING REFUGEES FROM TIME OF REGISTRATION TO COMPLETION OF VOLAG RELEASE DOCUMENT, ASSUMING A 25 PERCENT INCREASE OVER PRESENT PROCESSING LEVEL.

3. ACTION: REQUEST YOU BRING THESE DATA AND ESTIMATES WITH YOU TO THE JUNE 29 TASK FORCE MEETING IN WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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